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## 4.0 Magnitude Earthquake Vocabulary

A) focus	 The area of faults that makes Kentucky a high risk for earthquakes.			
B) hazard —	 An instrument used to detect and record earthquakes.			
C) aftershock —	 A type of measurement of used to measure the strength of earthquakes.			
D) fault	 An earthquake which follows a major earthquake, and is of lesser magnitude.			
E) magnitude —	 A sudden, rapid shaking of the Earth caused by the release of energy stored in rocks.			
F) Intensity —	 A measure of ground shaking based on damage to structures and changes felt and observed by hu-			
G) seismogram _	 mans. A measure of the amount of energy released by an			
H) epicenter	 earthquake. Also called earthquake waves, they are waves			
I) New Madrid Seismic Zone	caused by the release of energy in the Earth's rocks during an earthquake.			
	The point on the Earth's surface directly above the focus.			
J) Richter scale _	 A crack in rock or soil along which movement has taken place.			
K) seismic waves _	 Also called the hypocenter, it is the place inside the Earth where an earthquake's rupture starts.			
L) earthquake	 An earthquake which comes before the main earthquake and is less severe.			
M) seismograph	 Any object or situation which contains the			
N) foreshock	 potential for damage, injury, or death. A recording of the Earth's motions produced by a seismograph.			

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